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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the reported rampant corruption in the Military Engineering Service all over the country in purchasing items which are on the DGS&D rate contract like tubelights, bulbs etc;

(b) if so, the number of MES officials found involved in irregular purchases and corruption during the last three years along with the action taken against them;

(c) the reasons for not purchasing tubelights and bulbs from popular and most reputed companies; and

(d) the steps taken to cleanse the MES of the prevailing corruption?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No complaint of corruption in the purchases of items on DGS&D rate contract have come to Government's notice during the past 3 years. Items on DGS&D rate, like tubelights, bulbs etc., are purchased by MES at the rates fixed byDGS&D. The items are inspected before despatch by DGS&D and Controller of Quality Assurance Establishments.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) As per extant Government orders, any item which is available on DGS&D rate contract can not be purchased from manufacturers in the open market. DGS&D rate for tubelights and bulbs are lower than the rates of similar items of reputed companies in the open market.

(d) Question does not arise in view of reply from (a) to (c).